REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, 7, 13-15, 19-21, 27-31, 33-35, 41 and 42 herewith. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants are submitting this supplemental amendment in response to a telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on 2/23/05. In addition, several antecedent basis matters are addressed.

Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct such telephonic interview.

Conclusion

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It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited reference and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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